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What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a graphical user interface to a financial modeling system

10   allowing both live coaching and automated coaching comprising:

providing a plurality of icons for selecting at least one of a plurality of methods

for communicating with a live coach;

providing a video window which can display an image of said live coach; and

15   providing an dynamic window which can display automated coaching.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of methods for communication includes

providing at least two selected from group consisting essentially of:

email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone,

20   still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.
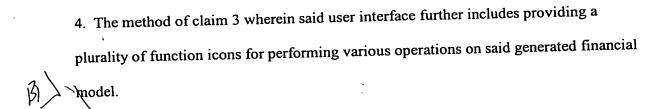
3. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least

one interactive window for displaying a financial model generated by the financial

modeling system.

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein said user interface further includes providing a plurality of function icons for performing various operations on said generated financial model.

5. 5. The method of claim 4 wherein said function icons include providing at least one of: transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

6. The method of claim 3 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one dynamic window for displaying characteristics related to said generated financial

10 model.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one interactive window for displaying help messages related to using the financial modeling system.

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8. The method of claim 1 wherein said user interface further includes providing at least one profile icon for performing various operations on a user profile based on user information.

20 9. A system for providing a graphical user interface to a financial modeling system allowing both live coaching and automated coaching comprising:

an user interface generator coupled to a wide area network providing a plurality

of communication icons for selecting one of a plurality of communication methods with a

live coach;

a display generator coupled to a wide area network for providing a video window

5   which can display an image of said live coach; and

an automated coaching engine coupled to a wide area network for providing

automated coaching.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein said wide area network is the Internet.

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11. The system of claim 8 wherein the plurality of methods communication includes at

least two selected from a group consisting essentially of:

email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone,

still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.

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12. The system of claim 9 wherein said display generator further includes a second

display generator providing at least one interactive window for displaying a financial

model generated by the financial modeling system.

20   13. The system of claim 12 wherein said user interface generator further includes a

function icon generator providing a plurality of function icons for performing various

operations on said generated financial model.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein said function icons include at least one of:

transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

15. The system of claim 12 wherein said user interface generator further includes a third

5   display generator for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying

characteristics related to said generated financial model.

16. The system of claim 9 wherein said user interface generator further includes a fourth

display generator for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying help

10   messages related to using the financial modeling system.

17. The system of claim 9 wherein said interface generator further includes a second icon

generator for performing various operations on a user profile based on user information.

15   18. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing a

graphical user interface to a financial modeling system allowing both live coaching and

automated coaching comprising:

code segment for providing a plurality of icons for selecting at least one of a

20   plurality of methods for communicating with a live coach;

code segment for providing a video window which can display an image of said

live coach; and

code segment for providing an dynamic window which can display automated coaching.

19. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18 wherein the plurality of methods for communication includes at least two selected from group consisting essentially of:

email, electronic chat, live streaming audio, voice over the network, telephone, still picture, streaming live video and a collaborative interactive page.

20. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18 wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one interactive window for displaying a financial model generated by the financial modeling system.

21. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 20 wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing a plurality of function icons for performing various operations on said generated financial model.

22. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 21 wherein said function icons include at least one of:

transact, monitor, model, explore, track.

23. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 20

wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one dynamic window for displaying

characteristics related to said generated financial model.

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24. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18

wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one interactive window for displaying help

10   messages related to using the financial modeling system.

25. The computer program embodied on a computer readable medium of claim 18

wherein said user interface further including:

code segment for providing at least one profile icon for performing various

15   operations on a user profile based on user information.